



**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re the Application of: **Ken HIRANO et al.**

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AND APPARATUS FOR RECOVERY**

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**AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.114**

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Sir:

This Amendment is being filed concurrently with a Request for Continued Examination pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.114.

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